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Honorable Ernest W. McFarland
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Reference your telegram of 5 August 1948 relative to action taken regarding disposition of Fort Huachuca.

Mr. Ralph Merritt, the Project Manager of Fort Huachuca for War Assets Administration, completed a three-day conference with officials of the Fish and Game Commission, the State Industrial School, the State Surplus Property Officer and myself. All three agencies are in full accord relative to disposition of the real and personal property known as Fort Huachuca and the Artillery Range in adjunct of the Old Fort.

Mr. Merritt is conferring with Governor Garvey this afternoon relative to the procedure to be taken by the Governor in formally applying for Fort Huachuca and the Artillery Range.

Attached herewith are copies of letters submitted to Mr. Robert Bradford, Regional Director of War Assets Administration, that were prepared in this office with the full and complete knowledge of Mr. Ralph Merritt, executives of the Fish and Game Commission, and executives of the State Industrial School.

The National Guard was required to reverse their opinion relative to their needs of Fort Huachuca in view of the increase in strength and the training program advocated for the National Guard of Arizona. It is evident, as our correspondence indicates, that Fort Tuthill will be inadequate unless a huge sum of money is expended thereat..

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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